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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS

REF: A. STATE 201122; B. SINGAPORE 2867, C. STATE 154335

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL A, I HAVE AGAIN REVIEWED EMBASSY STAFFING PATTERNS WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHICH OF THEM ARE OF RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY. MY FINDINGS REMAIN ESSENTIALLY AS STATED IN REFTEL B, WHICH RESPONDED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR A SIMILAR ASSESSMENT (REFTEL C).

2. SINGAPORE REMAINS IN MY VIEW A TIGHTLY-STAFFED POST, REFLECTING BOTH THE INTERNAL BELT-TIGHTENING OF RECENT YEARS AND THE ARBITRARY PERSONNEL CEILING IMPOSED ON THE EMBASSY (AND ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS) BY THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT. AS FAR AS THE GREAT BULK OF THE MISSION'S ACTIVITIES ARE CONCERNED -- INCLUDING THOSE OF USIA, THE ATTACHES, DEA, THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CENTER AND THE NAVY OFFICE -- I COULD NOT RIGHTLY PUT ANY OF THEM IN THE LOW PRIORITY CATEGORY. FURTHER PERSONNEL CUTS IN THESE AREAS WOULD FORCE US TO CURTAIL OR DROP PROGRAMS WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO THE USG. THE LARGEST SINGLE ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL IS ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL WORK, AND I WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO SEE ANY FURTHER CUTS IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD. THERE IS NO FAT

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IN THE STAFFING OF THESE OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY HAMPERING THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM.

3. AS I MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, THERE ARE TWO AREAS WHICH MIGHT BE LOOKED AT WITH A VIEW TO PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS. I WOULD STILL RECOMMEND A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM MENTIONED IN

PARAGRAPH FOUR OF THAT MESSAGE. WORK OF THE COAST GUARD
MERCHANT MARINE DETAIL MIGHT ALSO BE EXAMINED, AS SUGGESTED,
TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOME OF ITS PERSONNEL MIGHT PROFITABLY
BE TRANSFERRED TO A POST NEARER THECUCENE HJ THE BULK OF ITS
CURRENT WORK. WERE THE LATTER CHANGE TO BE IMPLEMENTED, HOWEVER,
I WOULD STILL URGE THAT ANY POSITIONS SAVED BE REALLOCATED TO
THIS POST IN THE FORM OF (A) THE POLITICAL OFFICER POSITION
RECOMMENDED BY THE INSPECTORS LAST SPRING AND (B) A FULL-
TIME SECURITY OFFICER TO REPLACE THE PART-TIME SERVICES OF THE
RSO RESIDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR. HOLDRIDGE

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